

AMENDMENTS

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In the Claims:

Claims 1-42 were cancelled and claims 43-~~47~~ and 49 were withdrawn.

Please cancel claim 51, add new claims 53-54 and amend claims 48, 50 and 52 as

follows:

1-42 (Cancelled)

43-47 (Withdrawn)

check for new matter

C1  
B1  
48. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing aggregation during dehydration and rehydration of particulates in suspension comprising the steps of:  
adding to a particulate suspension [an amount] at least 10% (w/v) of trehalose sufficient to prevent aggregation upon rehydration; and  
dehydrating the suspension.

49. (Withdrawn)

C1  
B2  
50. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48 [or claim 49], wherein the particulates are selected from the group consisting of colloidal gold[,] and polystyrene latex[ and aluminum hydroxide].

51. (Cancelled)

claim is new matter

C1  
B3  
52. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48 [or claim 49], wherein the amount of trehalose is at least 30% (w/v).

C1  
B4  
53. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the particulate is aluminum hydroxide and the amount of trehalose is at least 15% (w/v).

54. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein the amount of trehalose is at least 30% (w/v).